

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 25, 2003
City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Gary Johnson at 10:00 a.m. on June 25, 2003, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

1. Board Member Roll Call

Present: John Benson, Gary Johnson, Leon Lesicka, Brenda Soulliere and Nancy Wright

Absent: None

2. Staff Present

Jose Angel, Sheila Ault, John Carmona, Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso, Liann Chavez, Jose Cortez, Jose Figueroa-Acevedo, Kristie Garcia, Phil Gruenberg, Abdi Haile, Neal Krull, Kirk Larkin, Michele Ochs, Kola Olatunbosun, Robert Perdue, Maribel Rodriguez, Jon Rokke, Jennie Snyder, Charles Springer, Joan Stormo, and David Virginia

3. Others Present

Lisa Anderson, Metropolitan Water District
Peggy Brock, Court Reporter
John Clairday, Metropolitan Water District
Eric Fordham, GeoPentech/Metropolitan Water District
Andrew Fowlkes, Centinela State Prison
Alan Harrell, Coachella Valley Water District
Randy Hines, City of El Centro
Robert Jolley, RWQCB
Lavelle Lesicka, Private Citizen
Brad Milliken, Private Citizen
Rosalind Milliken, Private Citizen
S. A. Milliken, Private Citizen
Lori Okun, State Water Resources Control Board -OCC
Jeff Smith, US Bureau of Reclamation

4. Minutes

Meeting of May 7, 2003

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

5. Public Forum

Samuel Milliken, private citizen, voiced objections to a proposed reclamation project implemented by Coachella Valley Water District. He stated that the project design was deficient from both an engineering and environmental standpoint.

Brad Milliken, private citizen, stated that Draft Board Order No. R7-2003-0050 for Coachella Valley Water District was based on inaccurate and misleading findings, making compliance impossible. He requested a continuance until these issues were resolved and a new order drafted.

6. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements

NPDES Permits

JR	R7-2003-0049	Niland Sanitary District, Owner/Operator, Niland Sanitary Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection and Disposal Systems – Niland, Imperial County (Updated Order)
KL	R7-2003-0061	Sunset Mutual Water Company, Owner/Operator, Sanitary Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection and Disposal Systems – El Centro, Imperial County (Updated Order)
KL	R7-2003-0096	State of California Department of Corrections, Owner/Operator, Centinela State Prison Wastewater Treatment Plant, Wastewater Collection and Disposal Systems – Imperial, Imperial County (Updated Order)

MOTION: Mr. Benson moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2003-0049, R7-2003-0061, and R7-2003-0096, including the errata, be adopted.

Waste Discharge Requirements

JAS	R7-2003-0003	Massey Sand and Rock Company, Owner/Operator, Indio Closed Landfill, Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill - Indio, Riverside County (Updated Order)
JAS	R7-2003-0004	Granite Construction Company, Owner/Operator, Granite Inert Waste Facility – Indio, Riverside County (Updated Order)
KL	R7-2003-0050	Coachella Valley Water District, Owner/Operator, Improvement District No. 58 Water Reclamation Plant, and Wastewater Collection and Disposal Systems – Indio, Riverside County (Updated Order)
JS	R7-2003-0066	County of Imperial, Owner/Operator, Holtville Class III Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility – Holtville, Imperial County (Updated Order)

R7-2003-0063	Rescission/Termination of Waste Discharge Requirements		
	CS	00-133	River Properties - River Reflections
	CS	94-046	River Properties - River Shore Estates
R7-2003-0071	Change of Name and/or Ownership		
	CS	95-001	Black Meadow Landing
	CS	00-075	Black Meadow Landing

NOTE: Proposed Orders No. R7-2003-0003, R7-2003-0004, and R7-2003-0050 were removed from the consent calendar prior to voting.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Benson seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2003-0063, R7-2003-0066, R7-2003-0071, including the errata, be adopted.

7. Technical Presentation on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Chrome VI Plume, Topock Facility

Liann Chavez, Regional Board staff, gave a brief history of the Topock Compressor Station and discussed chromium pollution at the site.

8. Border Pollution

Jose Figueroa-Acevedo, Regional Board staff, and Jose Angel, Regional Board staff, provided an update on border issues in Region 7.

Ms. Wright commended staff on their efforts regarding border issues.

9. Informational Update on State Board Activities

Pete Silva was unable to attend the meeting.

Lori Okun, State Water Resources Control Board, discussed the layoff policy prepared for the State Board and Regional Boards.

10. Regional Board Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Gruenberg announced that four Mandatory Minimum Penalties had been issued to dischargers in Imperial Valley since the last Board Meeting. He added that Imperial Valley had been classified as an economically depressed rural area and qualifies for compliance projects.

11. Regional Board Staff Reports

Joan Stormo, Regional Board staff, discussed perchlorate contamination and its ramifications. She stated that perchlorate infiltration to ground and surface waters used for municipal and agricultural supply is occurring at an alarming rate in California.

Sheila Ault, Regional Board staff, gave an update on public outreach. She also discussed changes in the grant process, along with proposed changes in the 303(d) listing and de-listing process.

12. Regional Board Member Comments

Ms. Wright reported that she and Mr. Johnson recently met with Regional Board staff regarding chromium pollution at the Topock Compressor Station.

13. Regional Board Chair's Report

Mr. Johnson announced that he would be attending an open agenda meeting at the State Board and would report any progress at the next Board Meeting.

14. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.